

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus comprising:

imaging means for imaging an object and outputting a video signal;

generation means for generating a plurality of types of capture assist marks to be synthesized with a video signal output from the imaging means;

synthesis means for synthesizing a capture assist mark generated by the generation means with the video signal from the imaging means;

acceptance means for accepting an instruction input about the capture assist mark; [[and]]

control means for controlling the generation means and the synthesis means based on the instruction input accepted through the acceptance means and controlling a capture assist mark corresponding to the instruction input so as to be synthesized with the video signal;

a plurality of output terminal units which uses different formats to output video signals output from the imaging means,

wherein the generation means generates the capture assist marker in accordance with a format of the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units; and

wherein the synthesis means synthesizes the corresponding capture assist mark with the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units.

2. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1

comprising:

selection input acceptance means for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

capture mode change means for controlling the imaging means in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance means and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the control means controls the generation means so as to generate the capture assist mark in accordance with ~~[[a]]~~ the selected capture mode.

3. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1

comprising:

selection input acceptance means for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

capture mode change means for controlling the imaging means in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance means and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the control means controls whether or not to synthesize a capture assist mark generated by the generation means in accordance with ~~[[a]]~~ the selected capture mode.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the acceptance means can accept selection input of a capture assist
mark generated at least from the plurality of types of capture assist marks.

6. (Original) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1 comprising:
change input acceptance means for directly accepting input for a change
between displaying and hiding the plurality of capture assist marks as a whole
generated by the generation means; and

change control means for changing between displaying and hiding the plurality of
capture assist marks as a whole in accordance with the change input accepted through
the change input acceptance means.

7. (Currently Amended) A capture assist mark usage control method for an
imaging apparatus having imaging means for imaging an object image and capturing
the same as a video signal, wherein the method is used for synthesizing a capture
assist mark with a video signal captured by the imaging means and comprises ~~the steps~~
of:

accepting an instruction input about the capture assist mark;
generating N (N is 0 1 or larger integer) types of capture assist markers in
accordance with the instruction input accepted through the acceptance step; and
synthesizing N types of capture assist marks generated at the generation step
with the video signal from the imaging means,

wherein a plurality of output terminal units to output a video signal corresponding to the video signal captured by the imaging means are provided,

wherein generating comprises generating a capture assist mark in accordance with a format of the video signal supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units,
and

wherein the synthesis step synthesizes the corresponding capture assist mark with the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units.

8. (Currently Amended) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7 comprising ~~the steps of:~~

accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

controlling the imaging means in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance means and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the generation step controls generation of the capture assist mark in accordance with ~~[[a]]~~ the selected capture mode.

9. (Currently Amended) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7 comprising ~~the steps of:~~

accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

controlling the imaging means in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance means and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the synthesis step controls synthesis of the capture assist mark in accordance with ~~[[a]]~~ the selected capture mode.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Original) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7,

wherein the acceptance step accepts input for selecting a capture assist mark to be generated at least from a plurality of types of capture assist marks.

12. (Currently Amended) The capture assist mark usage control method according to claim 7 comprising ~~the steps of~~:

accepting input for a change between displaying and hiding the plurality of capture assist marks as a whole generated at the generation step; and

changing between displaying and hiding the plurality of capture assist marks as a whole in accordance with the change input accepted at the change input acceptance step.

13. (New) An imaging apparatus comprising:

an imaging unit for imaging an object and outputting a video signal;

a plurality of output terminal units which uses different formats to output video signals output from the imaging unit,

a generation unit for generating, in accordance with a format of the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units, a plurality of types of capture assist marks to be synthesized with a video signal output from the imaging unit;

a synthesis unit for synthesizing the generated capture assist marks with the video signal to be supplied to each of the plurality of output terminal units;

an acceptance unit for accepting an instruction input about the capture assist mark; and

a control unit for controlling the generation unit and the synthesis unit based on the accepted instructions and controlling a capture assist mark corresponding to the instruction input so as to be synthesized with the video signal.

14. (New) The imaging apparatus according to claim 13 comprising:

a selection input acceptance unit for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

a capture mode change unit for controlling the imaging unit in accordance with the accepted selection input and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the control unit controls the generation unit so as to generate the capture assist mark in accordance with the selected capture mode.

15. (New) The imaging apparatus according to claim 13 comprising:

selection input acceptance unit for accepting selection input of a plurality of capture modes to generate differently formatted video signals; and

capture mode change unit for controlling the imaging unit in accordance with the selection input accepted through the selection input acceptance unit and enabling a selected capture mode,

wherein the control unit controls whether or not to synthesize a capture assist mark in accordance with the selected capture mode.

16. (New) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the acceptance unit is configured to accept selection input of a capture assist mark generated at least from the plurality of types of capture assist marks.

17. (New) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1 comprising:

a change input acceptance unit for directly accepting input for a change between displaying and hiding the plurality of capture assist marks as a whole generated by the generation unit; and

a change control unit for changing between displaying and hiding the plurality of capture assist marks as a whole in accordance with the change input accepted through the change input acceptance unit.